

**The Kentucky Board of Licensure for
Marriage and Family Therapists**
June 28, 2012
Minutes

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The regular scheduled meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure of Marriage and Family Therapists was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky on June 28, 2012.

Board Members Present:

Dr. Tom Robbins
Mr. Tony Watkins
Ms. Stephanie Head
Mr. Richard Hamon
Ms. Sandy Miller, Chair
Ms. Carolyn Miller-Cooper

Occupations and Professions:

Marcia Egbert, Board Administrator
Latasha Buckner, Deputy Director of Legal Services
Susan Ellis, Operations Section Supervisor
Debra Day, Administrative Section Supervisor
Janet Cox, Internal Policy Analyst II

Board Member Absent:

Ms. Jane Prouty

Office of the Attorney General:

Angela Evans

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Call to Order: Chair Sandra Miller called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes: The Board reviewed minutes from May 24, 2012. Stephanie Head made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Tony Watkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Monthly Financial Report:

The Board Monthly Financial Report for July 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012 was presented to the Board for review. Discussion followed concerning the allotment for Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT). The total allotment was \$82,000. Total spent by MFT as of May is \$57,677. Any balance at end of fiscal year does not roll over. The Board asked that allotment totals be included in the Financial Report each month. Tony Watkins made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Tom Robbins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from O & P: (Transcribed from tape.)

The Board introduced themselves to LaTasha Buckner, Deputy Director of Legal Services for the Public Protection Cabinet. Ms. Buckner presented the MOA for the Board to sign in the absence of Executive Director Courtney Bourne. Chair Sandy Miller opened the floor for discussion. Tony Watkins stated, "Due to the discussion of last month, when the other attorney was here, and I can't remember his name, we have no option but to sign it. I would like to attach to it our letter of concern, or protest, or whatever you want to call it." Chair Sandra Miller asked, "Are you referring to the letter that has already been drafted?" Mr. Watkins responded, "Yes." Carolyn Miller-Cooper stated, "My concern is this; It's clear that we don't have any options, however, I don't want us to have to raise fees with the membership. And, I think that is what eventually is going to happen because we cannot sustain our operations with these fees, and so, for the record, I don't think it's fair, especially if I understood correctly at some point you told the membership recently that we would not raise fees

again.” Tony Watkins responded, “No, it was Representative Lee.” Ms. Miller-Cooper said, “It was Representative Lee, okay.” Mr. Watkins stated, “I didn’t tell him that, I just stated or my retort was, ‘Can you assure me as a citizen that you are not going to raise my taxes?’” Ms. Miller-Cooper said, “Okay, but I am concerned that the membership is going to end up with the brunt end of this over the course of time. That’s my comment.” Stephanie Head stated, “I would like to know, and again, we don’t have a choice, and I don’t like that, but that’s where we’re at, are we going to vote on whether we are going to do this or not? Or is this something that goes to a vote?” Sandra Miller stated, “I think it is something that goes to a vote.” Angela Evans stated, “It is something that has to be made into a motion. It is a Board action.” Ms. Head stated, “And I want to know if it just has to be the majority or does every Board member have to agree? But I think if we don’t have a choice there is going to be a certain number of us that is going to have to agree to say yes and the remainder that doesn’t want to can say no.” Angela Evans said, “If you take a vote and you don’t have a majority...” Ms. Head interjected, “In order to protect the public, at this point that is what we’ve been asked to do, in order to protect the public, my understanding is if we don’t sign this, then we can no longer monitor our therapists that are out there because we are not going to have the means of doing that. Therefore, I don’t think we have a choice to be able to protect the public and do both. Do you see what I’m saying? But at the same time, I’d like to say that I think that everyone on this Board has serious reservations about this. I can only speak for me, but I just wanted to know if that would be an option?” Tony Watkins stated, “I make a motion that we vote on the MOA and that we do it one person at a time, yea or nay, and that the vote includes our letter of concern that has been drafted be attached to it.” Richard Hamon asked, “Where is that letter?” Angela Evans handed out a copy of the letter and stated, “This is the updated letter. I just made some minor edits to it. Again, that is just a draft.” Ms. Miller stated, “I think it covers all of our concerns.” Ms. Evans stated, “I don’t know if it really needs to be attached to the MOA. I think it’s just a letter to be sent to whoever you want it sent too.” Ms. Miller said, “It is an option and the thing is, do we want it attached to the MOA? Do we want it sent as a letter to the membership? What other ways can we use it?” Angela Evans said, “Well, I think your concerns are with, I think it should be sent to whoever you want it sent to. I don’t know that sending it to licensees might be more political and I don’t know if you want to go that route. But, I mean, you want to address your concerns to the people that were involved in making those decisions. I don’t know how high up that chain you want to go. But...” Stephanie Head said, “I think that is where it needs to go, and I think that, and I apologize because I can’t remember her last name. I think Courtney presented this, but she didn’t come up with it, so whoever came up with it is where this needs to go. Who came up with the mandate that we have to do this.” Angela Evans stated, “That would be the Governor’s Budget Office.” Tom Robbins asked, “And this buys us how much time?” Sandra Miller stated, “This is just our acknowledgement that we have to sign.” Tom Robbins said, “Then we sign this and we are dissatisfied, then O & P provides us administrative services for how long for this amount?” Ms. Buckner stated, “It is two years. It goes with the budget biennium.” Mr. Robbins said, “So we then would be able to finish out with you guys within when?” Stephanie Head stated, “We can cancel with a thirty day notice.” Mr. Robbins said, “OK, within the two years we have a 30 day out option.” Ms. Buckner stated, “The important thing that you all need to remember is that your budget is still set even if you go out in 30 days, it’s still your budget for the next two years and at that point you can re-evaluate whether or not your budget allows you or forces you to raise membership.” Tom Robbins stated, “So they are going to take the money out whether we use it for two years or not?” There were several “no’s” and then Angela Evans stated, “Yes, but it wouldn’t go to O & P, if within the two years you decided you wanted to leave, it’s still your budget. You will take all of that money with you.” Tom Robbins said, “We could then use some of this \$159,000 for the new set up we have?” Angela Evans responded, “You can use all of your budget for whatever you want to do.” Mr. Robbins said, “This does not bind us to O & P for two years.” Sandra Miller stated, “There is still a 30 day notice.” Mr. Robbins stated, “So the simple thing is if we can find a better deal,

we can leave and use it and if not, it's America. I get it!" Ms. Miller asked, "You said we could explore our options, since we've thinking about that, and that would be an option, we could leave O & P and go out on our own. It remains to be seen whether that would be cheaper or not. It might be. Or this may be a better deal than we thought, it might not. It is up to us." Carolyn Miller-Cooper stated, "I want to make a comment. I think the reason why we have this breakdown is because our Chair and I can't speak to the other boards, but at least our Chair was not brought in and taken through the process. As a director of an agency, when I work on my budget, I go to my Board Chair to explain to them what is going on. So then, there aren't any sweeping surprises at the Board meeting. And I think that is where the breakdown came. So, if you guys can note that for the future." Ms. Buckner stated, "It is noted." Sandra Miller said, "I don't think any of the other Boards had any more of a heads up than we did." Tony Watkins said, "When Mr. Irvin was here last month, he acknowledged that and he said he would certainly take that for future perspective, including the Boards in the budgets. Ms. Buckner added, "And being as transparent as possible." Tom Robbins stated, "We are kind of a friendly sort, you know. We really are not trouble makers. We really are friendly! Start with Marcia, we're just a friendly sort!" Ms. Miller asked Tony to restate his motion. Tony said, "I am going to amend it. My motion is that we vote individually, so the record will show who is for or against and if it is approved, majority rules and it is approved, we send a copy of our letter addressing the MOA to the head of the Office of the State Budget Director and that this letter be included in our minutes so that it is on our website and is available if anybody is looking for it." Ms. Evans asked if the motion included for it to go to O & P as well. Mr. Watkins said yes, to everyone that had a part. Ms. Evans asked if Secretary Vance was included. Tony Watkins said yes to everyone in the chain of command. Then he asked what the chain of command was? Angela Evans stated, "The way I understand it, it would be the Executive Director of O & P, the Secretary of Occupations and Professions, the Budget Office. That would include all the players involved." Tony Watkins added to his motion, "So the letter will be sent to all the players involved, and I can't name them all but Angela will help us with that if need be, and include it as part of the minutes." Stephanie Head seconded the motion. Sandra Miller stated, "We will go around the room and all in favor say 'Aye', all opposed say, 'Nay'."

Tony Watkins – "Aye"

Carolyn Miller- Cooper – "I will support it with reservations but I really have my concerns about us being able to sustain it."

Richard Hamon – "Aye"

Tom Robbins – "Aye"

Stephanie Head – "I'm going to say Nay – I'm sorry, I hate to do that but I am just against it."

Sandra Miller – "Aye" – With again the same reservations."

Ms. Buckner stated, "I am not a budget person, so tell me if I am off base here, but the way I understand it is if at the end of that biennium you are still here, everything will be re-evaluated and with the goal of no one is going to go into the reg by the end of it."

The MOA was signed by Chair Sandra Miller and the Attorney, Angela Evans.

Susan Ellis reported that the Investigator Contract that went out for bid had two responders. One of the bids was incomplete and is considered a no bid. She informed the Board that they could review the bid received and/or accept it or have Finance re-issue the bid. The Board reviewed the other bid received. After review, Tony Watkins made a motion to reissue the bid. Carolyn Miller-Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Ellis will have Finance re-issue the bid.

Attorney Report

On June 12, 2012 the meeting of the Administrative Regulations Review Subcommittee in regard to 201 KAR 32:035 met at 1:00 p.m. in Room 149 of the Capitol Annex. Chair Sandra Miller and Attorney Angela Evans attended. Ms. Evans reported that there was a glitch in the beginning in regard to the summary as it was read, but the LRC staff acknowledged the mistake in the content and corrected it and the regulation was approved.

Ms. Evans requested that the Board Members submit any changes to the letter regarding the MOA to her as soon as possible. She will compile and create the letter. The majority of the Board felt that the letter was very nice and diplomatic considering what has occurred. Ms. Miller stated that we would like to have a better working relationship with O & P. She also stated, that maybe this will get the attention of some other people. Ms. Head stated that we normally have people sitting around our table at our board meetings and we no longer have that. Ms. Miller stated that we are now paying more for less service. Ms. Carolyn Miller-Cooper stated that in her opinion, "If we are paying more, then we should get more. We need to speak up and ask to have someone to come and sit through our Board meetings and anything else we are supposed to get; we should expect to receive it. If we sit by passively and don't say, 'Hey, we're paying for this and we're not getting it, I mean we have to say something.'" Discussion followed. Ms. Evans stated that the Board could set out expectations from O & P. Ms. Evans suggested that the Board focus on the recommendations from the audit which, other than the MOA's, included that there should be some way that the Boards can evaluate O & P Services. Mr. Hamon questioned if there was no way to establish that? Ms. Evans said, yes. Ms. Stephanie Head then asked if there was a copy of the audit that the MFT Board could review. Ms. Evans stated that it could be found on the State Auditor's website. Ms. Head stated that she would take the lead on creating a form/evaluation for the Board to fill out in regard to O & P and their service. Ms. Evans will send the link to the State Auditor's website to Ms. Head.

Old Business

Tom Robbins submitted an e-mail in regard to the AAMFT Code of Ethics on Telehealth. It included two new principles. One principle was the "Responsibility to Clients – Electronic Therapy" and the other was "Confidentiality – Protection of Electronic Information." Discussion followed. No further action was taken.

Richard Hamon reported on background checks and employment screening services. He reported that he had contacted the AOC. They offer criminal reports for \$15 per complaint which will increase to \$20 July 1, 2012. Their information comes from Courtnet. He reported that there were several ways to set up the account. He felt it was workable but it only checks in state. Mr. Hamon is waiting on additional information from Gary Whitt. Tom Robbins reported that his place of employment is using VeriCorp which is an Employment Screening Service that does several different searches. He handed out a list of searches that they do. Discussion followed. No further action was taken.

Tony Watkins reported that he has not had time to look into the e-mail from Margaret Hazlette concerning the Social Work Board documents regarding individuals who may be practicing without a Kentucky MFT license. He will report back at the next meeting. He did look up the person that the Board received an anonymous complaint on. This person has a MySpace account where he states he is a MFT but he has not been on that account since 2009. Mr. Watkins is going to follow-up with Domestic Violence to see if he is there and will report back at the next meeting.

New Business

The Board created a committee to explore different meeting options for the MFT Board. The Committee will report back to the Board at the next Board Meeting.

Stephanie Head made a motion to go into closed session. Tony Watkins seconded the motion. The Board went into closed session at 11:20 a.m.

Tony Watkins moved to come out of closed session. Tom Robbins seconded the motion. The Board came out of closed session at 11:40 a.m.

Complaints/Other Legal Matters

The Complaint Committee made a recommendation to dismiss Complaint 2012-004 due to the Licensee contacting the Board stating he would not be renewing his license. The Committee also recommended to dismiss Complaint 2012-005 due to receiving documentation from the licensee that proved he had demonstrated due diligence. All remaining complaints are pending.

Tony Watkins moved to accept the Complaint Committee recommendation. Richard Hamon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- a. 2011-007 - Pending
- b. 2011-08 – Pending
- c. 2011-10 – Pending
- d. 2012-002 – Pending
- e. 2012-003 – Pending
- f. 2012-004 – Dismissed
- g. 2012-005 – Dismissed
- h. 2012-006 – Pending

Application Review:

Tony Watkins made a motion to approve all applications, renewals, audits, and CEU Provider Applications reviewed prior to the meeting and ratification of licenses issued and renewed from 5/24/2012 through 6/27/2012. Tom Robbins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Status Report:

Active Licensee's for MFT's – 500
Active Licensee's for MFTA's – 117
Total Active Licensee's – 617

Associates:

The following applications for Marriage and Family Therapist Associate were approved: *Valerie G. Day, David Everett Dillard, Asia L.J. Grigsby, Carlos A. Lara Gabb, Martha S. Perry*

The following applications for Marriage and Family Therapist Associate were approved but must submit Plan of Supervision within 30 days: *Karen C. Bess, Brandie Grisham, Katherine N. Washington*

The following application for Marriage and Family Therapist Associate was approved with provisions: *Jennifer Lee Page-Maier*

The following Plans of Supervision for Marriage and Family Therapist Associates were approved: *Michelle A. Finley, Margaret A. Odom, James M. Peters*

The following Renewals for Marriage and Family Therapist Associates were approved: *Carlyn Altman, Mary Monica Claire Blair, Ann A. Davis, Rahsheeno Griffith, Allison Hock, Amy Beth Lockwood, JoAnne S. Morris, Jannine Sayago-Gonzales, Kelly Turner, Nicole Y. Ward, Christian Nicole Williams*

LMFT:

The following application for licensed Marriage and Family Therapist was approved with provisions: *Bonnie Sue Boyce*

The following Renewal Audits for Marriage and Family Therapist were approved: *Linda Bailey, Angela Brock, Leigh Aaron Cooper, Steven J. Feierstein, James W. Graf, Sarah Lynn Greer, Elisha C. Hurley, William R. Lively, Mary Ortwein, Jennifer Robinson, James Schorch, Brenda Shell, Barbara Stallard, Judith R. Stubbs, Beth Wibbels*

The following Renewal Audits for Marriage and Family Therapist were deferred: *Carrie Kay Fraser, Bill L. Jett*

Applications for CEU Approval for 6-28-2012

APPROVED

Bellarmino University

- Gender Identity Disorder – 4.2 Hours
- Understanding Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma – 2.1 Hours

Bluegrass Regional MH-MR Board, Inc.

- Consumer Directed Outcome Informed Care (CDOI) – 6.0 Hours
- Co-occurring Disorders with Focus on New Drugs – 3.0 Hours
- Advance Directive for Mental Health Treatment – 1.0 Hour
- Emergency Evaluations – Guide to 202A & Emergency Options – 1.0 Hour
- Integrating Recovery and Peer Support into Services – 3.0 Hours
- Parent Child Interaction Therapy for Community Mental Health Professionals – 12.0 Hours
- Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma – 1.0 Hour
- Psychotherapy for Individuals with Intellectual Disability – 3.0 Hours
- The Essentials for Success with Managed Care – 3.0 Hours
- Trauma Informed Care – 3.0 Hours

CMI Education Institute

Deferred last month for presenter vitae's – Rec'd. 5/25/2012

- Bridging the Couple Chasm: A New Research-Based Approach - Gottman Level 1 Training – 11.0 Hours
- The Art & Science of Love: A Gottman Method Weekend Workshop for Couples – 13.5 Hours

CMI Education Institute

- Advanced Assessment & Diagnosis Using the DSM-IV-TR & a Preview of the DSM-5 – 6.25 Hours (Kristine M. Cleasby request)
- Advanced Assessment & Diagnosis Using the DSM-IV-TR & a Preview of the DSM-5 – 6.25 Hours (Dawn Grey request)
- Psychopharmacology: What You Need to Know About Psychiatric Medications – 6.0 Hours
- Self-Regulation in Children: Keeping the Body, Mind and Emotions on Task in Children with Autism, ADHD or Sensory Disorders – 6.25 Hours
- Very Best Treatment for ADHD and the Processing Disorders – 6.0 Hours

Cross Country Education

- Avoiding Ethical & Legal Pitfalls in Mental Health Practice – 6.0 Hours
- Practical Strategies for Treating Adults with ADHD – 6.0 Hours
- Remembering with Emotion: Dynamic Psychotherapy that Works – 6.0 Hours

Division of Behavioral Health

- Kentucky School of Alcohol and Other Drug Studies – 28.0 Hours

Vicki Hart Garmon – Individual

- SPRC/American Association of Suicidology – Assessing & Managing Suicide Risk – 6.5 Hours

Lighthouse Counseling Services, Inc.

- A Helping Hand: Transition Planning for Aging Out and Special Needs Youth – 3.0 Hours

Seven Counties Services, Inc.

- Basic Child Psychopharmacology – 1.5 Hours
- Child Development 0-5 Years – 3.5 Hours
- Child Development 0-5 Years – First Steps – 3.0 Hours
- Mood Disorders in Children – 1.5 Hours
- Motivational Interviewing – 3.0 Hours
- Self-Care for Clinical Staff – 3.0 Hours
- Sensory Integration and Regulation in Young Children – 3.0 Hours

Deferred

Comprehend, Inc.

- Why Try? – 12.0 Hours

The next meeting of the Marriage and Family Therapy Board is scheduled for July 26, 2012 and will be held at 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Committees will meet at 8:30 a.m. with the Board Meeting to follow at 9:30 a.m.

Stephanie Head made a motion that Travel and Per Diem be paid to those who attended the regular Board Meeting on June 28, 2012. Tom Robbins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Stephanie Head made a motion for approval of travel and per diem for any Board member that applies to attend the AMFTRB or Clear Conference in San Francisco, CA. Richard Hamon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Marriage and Family Therapy Board meeting was adjourned by Chair Sandy Miller at 11:55 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Marcia Egbert
Board Administrator